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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masahiro Ooshima et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
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For: Spin-Valve Type Thin Film)
Magnetic Element)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Before the first paragraph, insert --This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/814,531, filed on March 21, 2001, and entitled "Spin-Valve Type Thin Film Magnetic Element"--.

Respectfully submitted,



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